

Galvanized

To maintain optimum appearance, it is important that care be taken to ensure the coating is not dirtied or damaged during transportation, site storage and or installation.

If the galvanized coating is to be subsequently painted (duplex coating), the owner should contact the manufacturer of the paint system to be used, as certain procedures may need to be taken to ensure the paint coating can be properly applied to adhere to a galvanized finish.

There may be brightness variations at the early stages of exposure. Care is required with site storage to ensure open ventilation, which prevents moisture entrapment and wet storage.

Regular inspection of the rack is recommended, with touch up using an appropriate color, cold application of paint containing high levels of zinc, in areas where the finish has been damaged through use.

Powder Coating and Thermoplastic

Regular cleaning will extend the life of the surface and retain its appearance. Cleaning should be conducted routinely at three-month intervals. Six months should be considered the longest interval. In industrial or marine locations, particular attention should be paid to regular care due to the harsher atmosphere.

Clean with a dilute solution of mild liquid detergent and warm water. Avoid excessively hot solutions. Automotive based car wash detergents and standard deck cleaning detergents can also be used. Be sure to read all manufacturers' directions to make sure the detergent is safe for use on painted surfaces. A small test area should be checked first

Use a soft bristle brush. Do not use abrasive tools on the coating. After cleaning, rinse thoroughly with fresh water. Ensure that areas that are not normally exposed to rain are washed and rinsed also.

Do not use strong solvent-type cleaners. A mixture of 25% bleach & 75% warm water can be used on "White" powder coat to brighten the finish. This mixture should be applied by a garden sprayer and allowed to soak no more than 10 minutes. Light scrubbing with a soft bristle brush can also aid in the results. Rinse with copious amounts of fresh water. Make sure you have no other items that will come in contact with the bleach.

Do not use acetates, dulon thinners, methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) or petrol products. Highly acidic cleaners are not recommended, either.

Graffiti removal: A 50% concentration of isopropyl alcohol (IPA) removes all spray paint and most black permanent markers with light wiping. Any shadowing from permanent markers is very faint. Fresh markings with strong force from permanent markers may leave very slight shadowing after removal with IPA.

Stainless Steel

Stainless steel is easy to clean. Washing with soap or a mild detergent and warm water followed by a clean water rinse is usually quite adequate for bike rack equipment. A 4% citric acid solution (standard citrus cleaners) is also effective in keeping your stainless product nice and shiny. Never use steel wool or steel brushes on stainless steel. Iron will impregnate the surface and rust. An enhanced appearance will be achieved if the cleaned surface is finally wiped dry, immediately after rinsing.